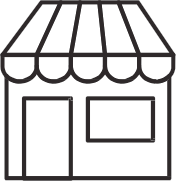
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PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION

SIMPLE STEPS WITH HUGE IMPACT

RECYCLING



PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE CURBSIDE

At recycling facilities they become caught in processing

equipment and cause machinery shutdown.

Only 1 to 3% of plastic bags can actually be recycled

(biologicaldiversity.org).

REDUCE YOUR WASTE

PLASTIC BAGS ARE A LITTER PROBLEM

Plastic bags are one of the most

commonly found litter in Dedham, clogging storm drains, creeks, and catching in trees.

SAVE MONEY

PLASTIC BAGS COST THE TOWN MONEY

Contamination in recycling due to plastic bags costs the

Town $74,000 annually in fines (DPW)

WORK AND LIVE GREEN

LESS POLLUTION, MORE BENEFITS

There would be exemptions for businesses in

cases of hardship. Newspaper, produce, meat, bulky foods, drycleaning and pet waste bags are not prohibited under this bylaw.

STAND UP AND GET INVOLVED

VOICE YOUR CONCERNS

Contact your Town Meeting members and ask them

to support the warrant article to reduce single-use plastic bags in Dedham. A list of members can be found at [www.dedham-ma.gov](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/)

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